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FM AMCONSUL BELFAST

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, U.K. (N.I.)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON UDA LEADER

REF: BELFAST 8

ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON CHARLES HARDING-SMITH LEADER OF  
BREAKAWAY WEST BELFAST (SHANKILL ROAD) ULSTER DEFENSE  
ASSOCIATION (UDA) BRIGADE JAN. 14 (REFTEL) WAS WELL PLANNED AND  
EXECUTED. THREE MASKED MEN TOOK OVER OPTICIANS SHOP ACROSS  
FROM UDA SHANKILL HEADQUARTERS AND TWO FORCE BUSINESS IN SHOP  
TO CONTINUE AS USUL WHILE THIRD ACTED AS SNIPER. ATTACKERS  
WAITED ONE HOUR BEFORE SMITH APPEARED AS TARGET. ONLY THREE  
SHOTS FIRED, TWO EFFECTIVE. BOTH FACTIONS UDA "KEEPING  
OPEN MIND" ON IDENTITY ATTACKERS AND WEST BELFAST GROUP  
INITIATING "INQUIRY".  
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